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## **AMENDMENT A**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated October 3, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 35-79 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1 to 34 read as follows: